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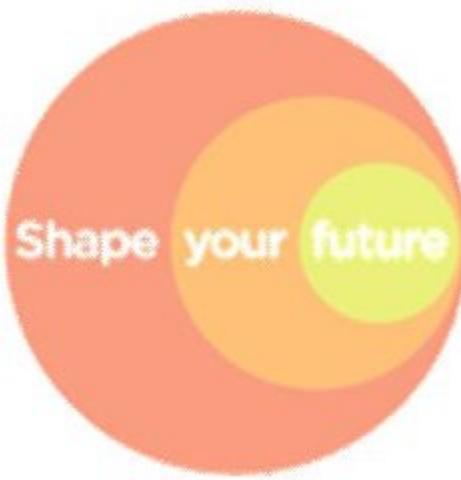
The attached document may answer Julie's first question. The attached document is a comparison of all 50 states and how they license. Those that are like Virginia are highlighted in yellow. I have added links to those states like New Mexico (Option 1) and Virginia (Option 2).

Let me know if you would like to meet this afternoon.

Thanks!!!

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**From:** Cox-Kain, Julie  
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Just to make sure you have all the information prepared to date I have included an excel file. Please look at the HHS appropriated tab. The biggest thing we are exploring here is creating an HHS Ombudsman (or a semi-inspector general office for HHS - see Texas and federal HHS). The rationale is that there are small agencies that are getting really squeezed because of the budgetary climate but they have oversight responsibilities and so they have been maintained but they are really losing infrastructure (example, Office of Disability Concerns). So we are considering a proposal that would take those responsibilities from the smaller agencies and potentially combine them as well as all independent/oversight processes from the larger agencies and create one stand-alone office that reports to the Cabinet Secretary. This would include the LTC ombudsman, there are some report and investigative units in OHCA and DMHSAS, OCCY has oversight of juvenile justice programs, we have OAS.

Don, how difficult is it to find all these things in statute (if they are statutory) and compile a list? We need an idea of the scope of this office. We may be able to get more information when the budget requests all come into HHS. We need an idea of size and operating budget. Would be nice to know if any other state or jurisdiction has something like this... Sacramento County does have a DHHS Ombudsman. Ultimately we would hope to get to the same list as the non-appropriated – scope, size, budget, etc.

Thanks.